GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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WORK ON TIHU GANDHI BHAVAN
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the Tihu Gandhi Bhavan (Assam) has been on a stand still for non-payment of the second instalment of grant for construction of the Bhavan;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay ;

(c) by when this instalment is likely to be released; and

(d) the number of other such projects pending with the Ministry for over six months for release of funds?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (c): Out of the total cost of construction of Rs. 25,24,493/-, an amount of Rs. 12,62,466/- has been sanctioned to Tihu Gandhi Bhavan under the Scheme of Building Grant to Cultural Organisations. The first instalment of Rs. 3,78,674/- has already been released. For claiming the 2nd instalment of grant, as per the stipulations of the scheme, the organisation is required to spend:

- the full amount released as the first instalment;
- an amount equal to the first instalment from its own resources; and
- a further amount equal to 40% of the grant;

and submit Utilisation Certificate and Statement of Accounts certified by a Chartered Accountant. These documents are yet to be received.

(d) There is no case wherein release is pending for over six months where the conditions stipulated have been fulfilled.